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FEATURING

THE BEAST™

UP, X-MAN--
UP!! OR ELSE--
YOU'RE
FINISHED!

BECAUSE YOU
DEMANDED IT!!
THE AWESOME, OMINOUS
ORIGIN
OF THE BEAST!

Featuring:
THE **MENACE**
THAT MEN CALL--THE
CONQUISTADOR!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **THE BLUDGEONING BEAST!**

BIRTH OF THE BEAST!

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY: "WE CAN'T GO ON MEETING LIKE THIS," SO, SINCE WE ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW FEATURE WOULD REPLACE ME IN AMAZING ADVENTURES--

--WHY AM I HERE?

I'M HERE BECAUSE, SIMPLY, I COULDN'T LEAVE WITHOUT TELLING YOU THE FULL STORY--

--THE STORY OF HOW I BEGAN THE LONG JOURNEY TO BECOME THE BALEFUL BEAST THAT NOW CROUCHES BEFORE YOU.

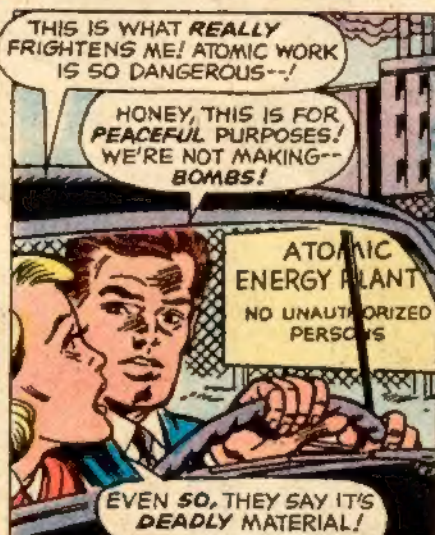
IT'S A STRANGE SAGA, FULL OF DANGER AND DELIGHT, TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY--

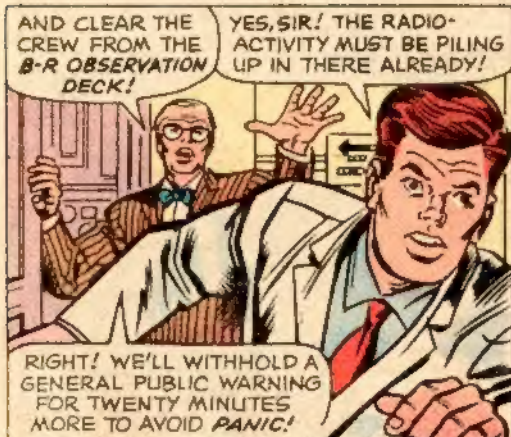
--AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW IT...



MANY LIVES HAS THE BEAST CHANGED DURING HIS ADVENTURE'S LIFE AMONG THEM ARE ALL THESE:
 DRAKE BY ENGLEHART / ROTH AND STARLING / VERPOORTEN, TARTAGLIONE AND ESPOSITO / THOMAS
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AND CLEAR THE CREW FROM THE B-R OBSERVATION DECK!

YES, SIR! THE RADIO-ACTIVITY MUST BE PILING UP IN THERE ALREADY!

RIGHT! WE'LL WITHHOLD A GENERAL PUBLIC WARNING FOR TWENTY MINUTES MORE TO AVOID PANIC!



SORRY, SIR! THE SHORT CIRCUIT ISN'T ON THE SURFACE!

IT COULD TAKE SEVERAL HOURS TO TRACE IT!

NO GOOD! WE'LL HAVE TO SEND SOMEONE BACK INTO THE OBSERVATION DECK TO LOWER THE RODS MANUALLY!

YOU WON'T FIND TOO MANY VOLUNTEERS FOR THAT JOB, SIR!

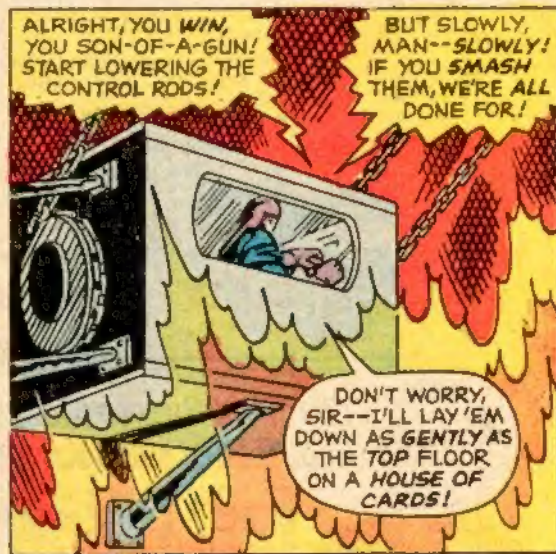
YOU WON'T NEED TO! I'M IN THERE NOW!



MCCOY! GET OUT OF THERE! THAT SUIT ISN'T TOTALLY RADIATION-PROOF!

IF IT WERE, YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO MOVE IN IT!

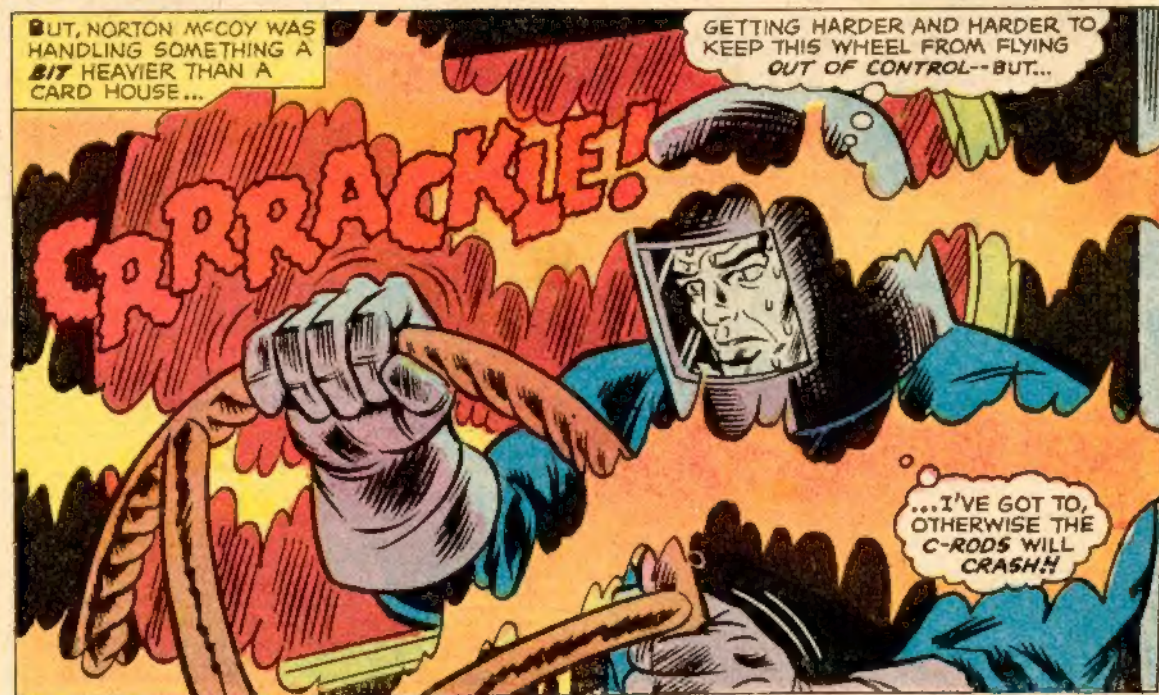
THEN I GUESS WE BETTER GET STARTED SIR! SOONEST DONE, SOONEST HOME!



ALRIGHT, YOU WIN, YOU SON-OF-A-GUN! START LOWERING THE CONTROL RODS!

BUT SLOWLY, MAN--SLOWLY! IF YOU SMASH THEM, WE'RE ALL DONE FOR!

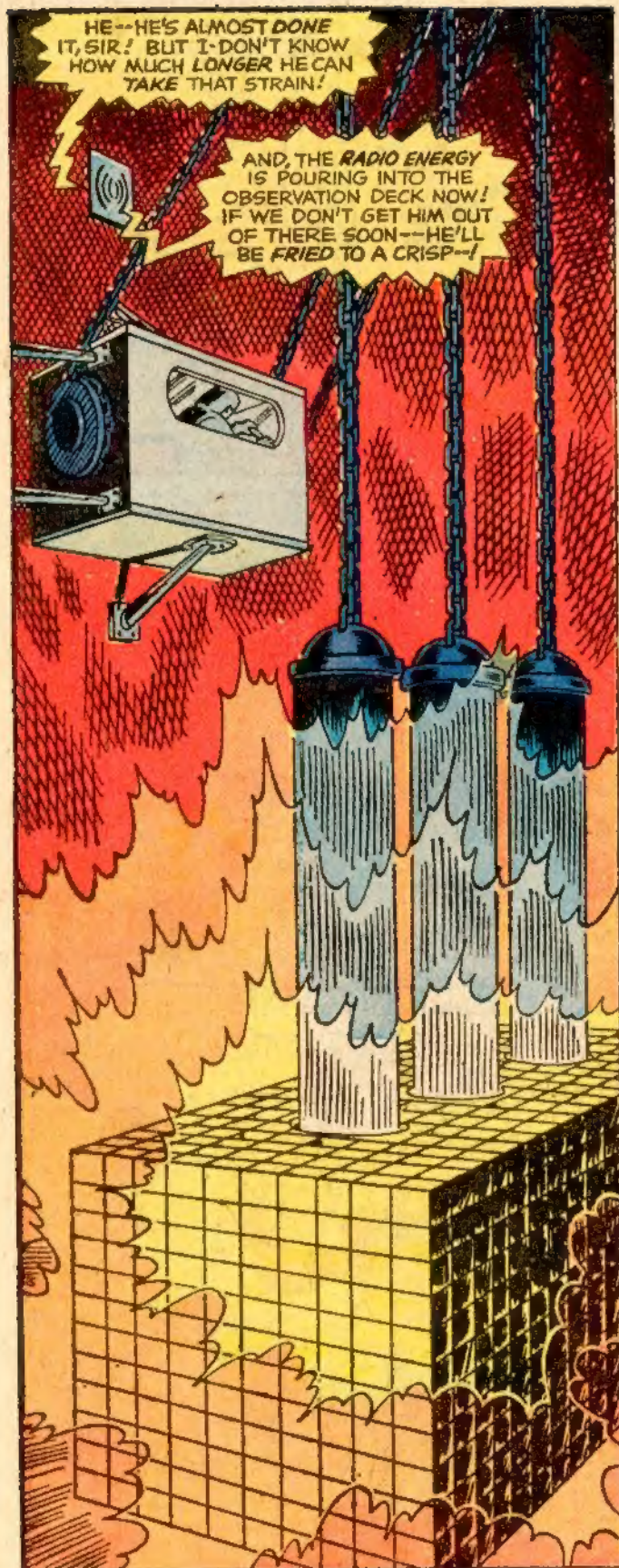
DON'T WORRY, SIR--I'LL LAY 'EM DOWN AS GENTLY AS THE TOP FLOOR ON A HOUSE OF CARDS!

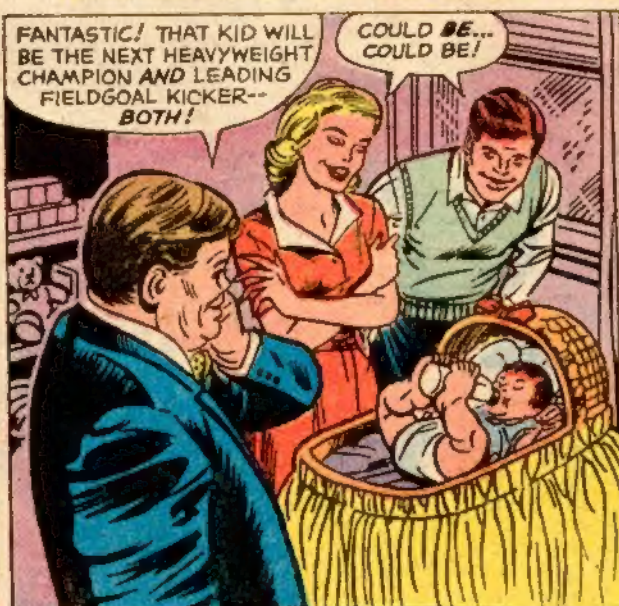


BUT, NORTON MCCOY WAS HANDLING SOMETHING A BIT HEAVIER THAN A CARD HOUSE...

GETTING HARDER AND HARDER TO KEEP THIS WHEEL FROM FLYING OUT OF CONTROL--BUT...

...I'VE GOT TO, OTHERWISE THE C-RODS WILL CRASH!!





THE YEARS PASSED QUICKLY FOR THE BOY WHO WOULD ONE DAY BE CALLED--BEAST!

MY LITTLE SLUGGER NEPHEW! PUT IT THERE, HANK-BOY!

CAREFULLY, SON!



EYOWWWW!

HENRY! NAUGHTY BOY! I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL!!



THEN, WITH THE APPROACH OF ADOLESCENCE...

YOU CALL YOURSELVES FOOTBALL PLAYERS? YOU COULDN'T CATCH A MARBLE IN A PEACH BASKET!

LET'S SCRAM, HANK! THE COACH IS BAWLING OUT THE TEAM! THEY LOST FIVE GAMES IN A ROW!

WELL, AT LEAST THEY'RE CONSISTENT, DANSEL!



SOME VARSITY TEAM! I COULD TAKE ANY PINT-SIZED FRESHMAN AND TURN HIM INTO A STAR ON THIS CRUMMY SQUAD!

YOU THERE! FRESHMAN!

M--M--ME?

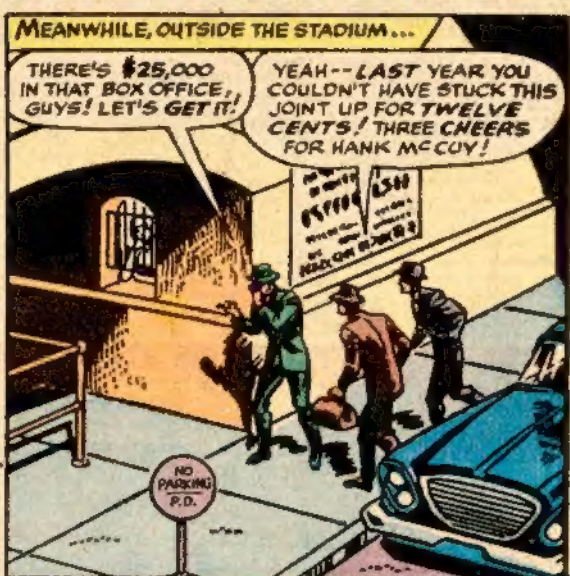
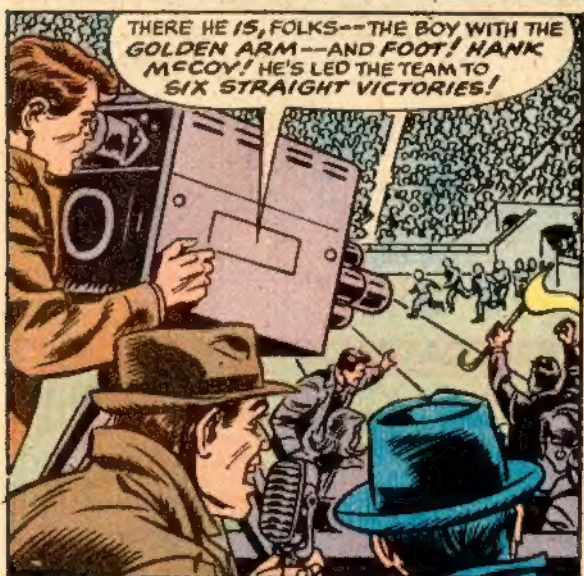
YEAH! I WANT YOU TO KICK A FOOTBALL!

I--I--I'D RATHER NOT, SIR!

I SAID--KICK!

Y--YES, SIR!





A FRENZIED CHASE WINDS UP WITHIN THE CROWDED SPORTS PALACE...





HOLD IT, COPPERS! THIS IS A LIVE GRENADE! ONE MORE STEP AND YOU'LL GET IT!

STOP MEN! HE'S DESPERATE ENOUGH TO DO IT!



NOW YOU GUYS STAY WHERE YOU ARE AND EVERYBODY'S GONNA LIVE TO EAT CHICKEN SOUP WITH HIS WIFE TONIGHT!



FANTASTIC! HANK MCCOY ISN'T JUST GONNA MAKE THE SPORTS PAGES THIS TIME! THIS IS THE LEAD STORY ON THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS!

URRRRGH!

BAWHUMMP!



GREAT WORK, KID! ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU--IT'S YOURS!

YOU CAN START BY DISPOSING OF THAT GRENADE --SIR!



AND AT SIX O'CLOCK--

YOU SAW IT-- YOU SAW THAT AMAZING LAD? YES, GREAT ONE! I HAVE SEEN!

IT IS FATE! THE FINAL TOOL THAT I NEED FOR MY ONSLAUGHT! NEVER DID I HOPE TO FIND THIS YOUNG GEM--

WHO SHALL SOON MAKE ME MASTER-OF ALL!

SOON THE WORLD SHALL GROVEL-- UNDER THE GOLDEN HEEL OF-- THE CONQUISTADOR!

THAT NIGHT, AS HANK
WENDS HIS WAY HOME
FROM THE GAY VICTORY
CELEBRATION...

ALERT STATIONS
SIX AND FOURTEEN!
TEST BEGINS THREE
SECONDS FROM
NOW!

CAR-EIGHT REPORTING!
HAVE SIGHTED SUBJECT!
HE IS ALONE! STREET
DESERTED! CONDITIONS
PERFECT--TO COM-
MENCE TRIAL!

HEY--YOU!
WATCH IT! HAVE YOU
GONE STARK RAVING
NON-COMPU-
MENTUS?

--TWO--
ONE--
ZERO!

VROOM!

LOOKS
LIKE
THE ONLY
WAY OUT
IS
STRAIGHT--

--UP!

SHOOOSH!

NOW FOR MY FAVORITE
BILLIARD SHOT! ONE OF THESE
DAYS THE AUTHORITIES ARE GOING
TO NAB ME FOR FLYING WITH-
OUT A LICENSE!

FWOOSH!

BWUMP!

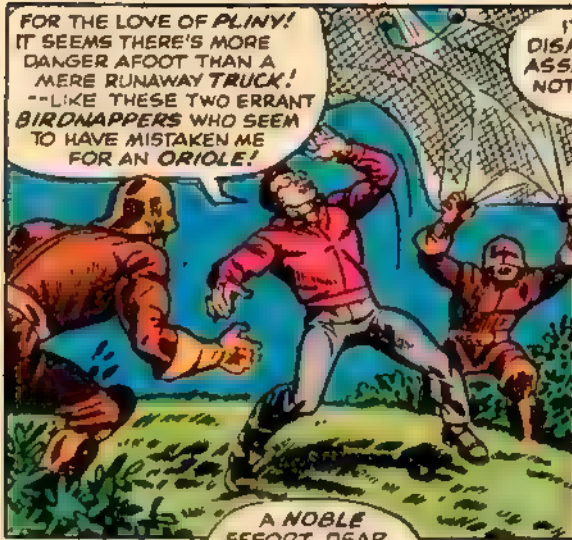
BAWOING!

THAT'S NOT EXACTLY
THE WORLD'S BEST
TRAMPOLINE! BUT--

I HAVE SEEN ALL! THE BOY
HAS PROVED MORE INGENUOUS
THAN I HAD DARE DREAM!
THE TRIAL IS OVER--

--NOW EXECUTE
OPERATION
SNARE! I SHALL
JOIN YOU --
INSTANTLY!

--BEGGARS
CAN'T BE
CHOOSERS!



FOR THE LOVE OF PLINY!
IT SEEMS THERE'S MORE
DANGER AFOOT THAN A
MERE RUNAWAY TRUCK!
--LIKE THESE TWO ERRANT
BIRDNAPPERS WHO SEEM
TO HAVE MISTAKEN ME
FOR AN ORIOLE!

IT GRIEVES ME TO
DISAPPOINT YOU, MY
ASSAILANTS! BUT I'M
NOT THERE ANYMORE!
I'M --



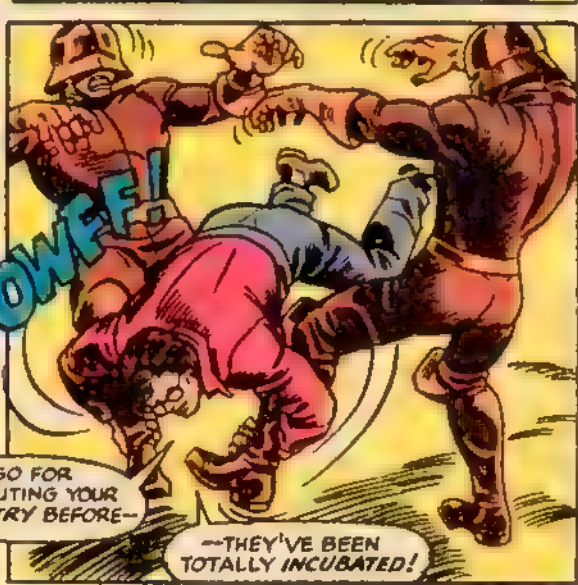
BAWOP!

--HERE!



A NOBLE
EFFORT, DEAR
CHILD! BUT NOT A
SUCCESSFUL
ONE!

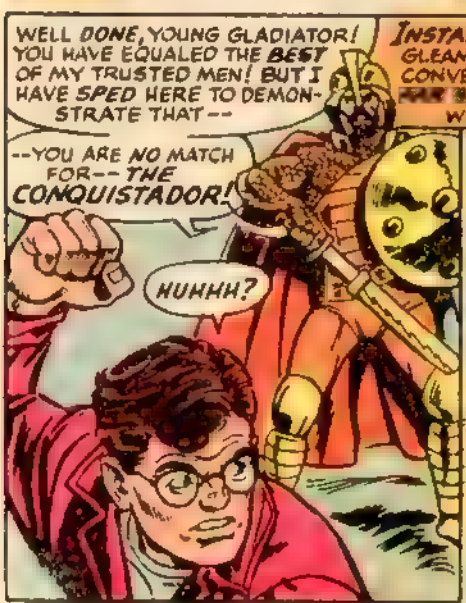
ANYBODY EVER TELL
YOU THAT YOU HAVE A TALENT
FOR DENOTING THE OBVIOUS?



OWEE!

ALSO FOR
COMPUTING YOUR
POULTRY BEFORE--

--THEY'VE BEEN
TOTALLY INCUBATED!



WELL DONE, YOUNG GLADIATOR!
YOU HAVE EQUALED THE BEST
OF MY TRUSTED MEN! BUT I
HAVE SPED HERE TO DEMON-
STRATE THAT --

--YOU ARE NO MATCH
FOR-- THE
CONQUISTADOR!

HUHHH?

INSTANTLY, THE
GLEAMING SWORD
CONVERTS TO A
MUCH STRONGER
WEAPON!



SNAP!



WHAT DO YOU THINK
YOU'RE GOING TO GAIN
WITH THAT CRAZY
TRIDENT?

HEYOWWWW! I GOT
THE MESSAGE! THAT
THING FIRES HIGH
VOLTAGE
ELECTRICITY!

CRACK!

LATER OUTSIDE HANK'S HOME, A SILENT FIGURE WAITS PATIENTLY FOR SOME SIGN OF LIFE! AND THEN BEGINS STEALTHILY ADVANCING...

WHAT THE DEUCE?! THE DINNER TABLE FRESHLY SET! AND SIGNS OF A NASTY STRUGGLE! BETTER REPORT BACK!

WHEN PROFESSOR XAVIER'S MUTANT BRAIN DETECTED WEIRD SIGNALS FROM THIS POINT--

--HE DIDN'T REALIZE HE WAS DISPATCHING ME INTO A FIRST CLASS MYSTERY!

--THAT'S WHAT I SAID! THE SUSPECTED MUTANT IS GONE AND SO ARE HIS FOLKS! AND THEY DIDN'T GO-- QUIETLY!

SOMEONE ELSE HAS DETECTED THE FULL POWER INHERENT IN THIS BOY! BUT WHO? AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

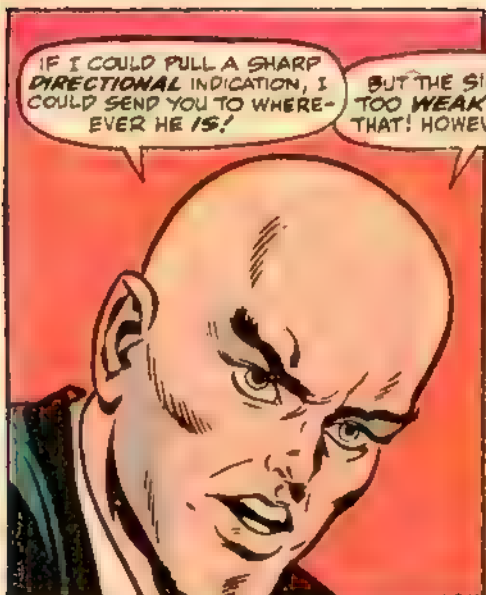
FRIENDS, IT IS TIME WE TOOK A MORE DIRECT ROLE IN THIS ENIGMA!

WELL, THE AVENGING ANGEL DOESN'T THINK SO! WHAT DO THE X-MEN NEED WITH MORE MEMBERS?

DON'T YOU SEE, WARREN? EVERY MUTANT WE DON'T HELP IS A POTENTIAL MENACE TO THE WORLD!

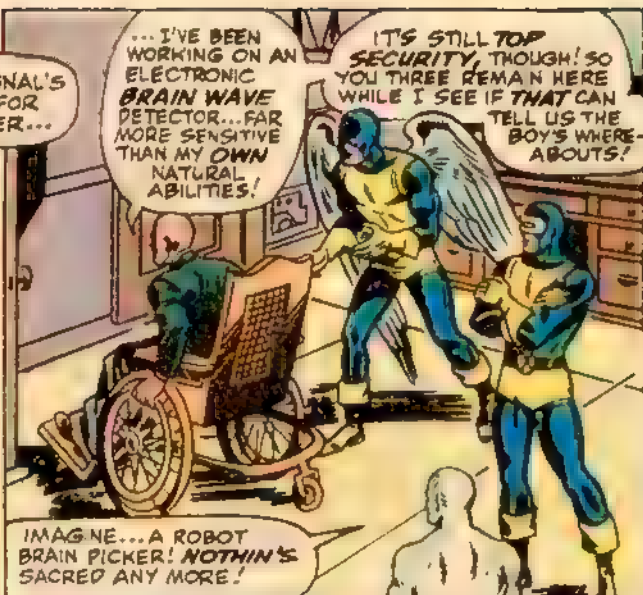
...SHHHHH! THE PROFESSOR IS GETTING SOME KIND OF CEBRAL SIGNAL! IT MAY BE THE BOY--HANK MCCOY!

IT IS! BUT IT'S QUITE FEEBLE! THE LAD IS IN TROUBLE, ALL RIGHT! SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS PARENTS!



IF I COULD PULL A SHARP DIRECTIONAL INDICATION, I COULD SEND YOU TO WHERE-
EVER HE IS!

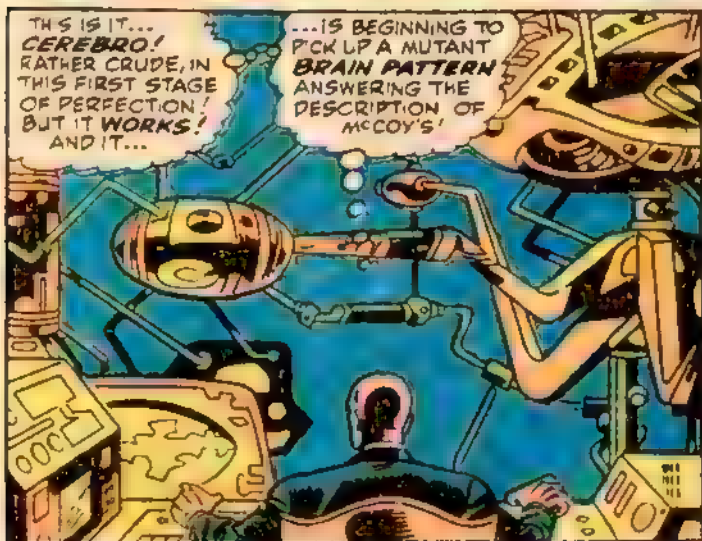
BUT THE SIGNAL'S
TOO WEAK FOR THAT! HOWEVER...



...I'VE BEEN
WORKING ON AN
ELECTRONIC
BRAIN WAVE
DETECTOR... FAR
MORE SENSITIVE
THAN MY OWN
NATURAL
ABILITIES!

IT'S STILL TOP
SECURITY, THOUGH! SO
YOU THREE REMAIN HERE
WHILE I SEE IF THAT CAN
TELL US THE
BOYS WHERE-
ABOUTS!

IMAGINE... A ROBOT
BRAIN PICKER! NOTHIN'S
SACRED ANY MORE!



THIS IS IT...
CEREBRO!
RATHER CRUDE, IN
THIS FIRST STAGE
OF PERFECTION!
BUT IT WORKS!
AND IT...

...IS BEGINNING TO
PICK UP A MUTANT
BRAIN PATTERN
ANSWERING THE
DESCRIPTION OF
MCCOY'S!

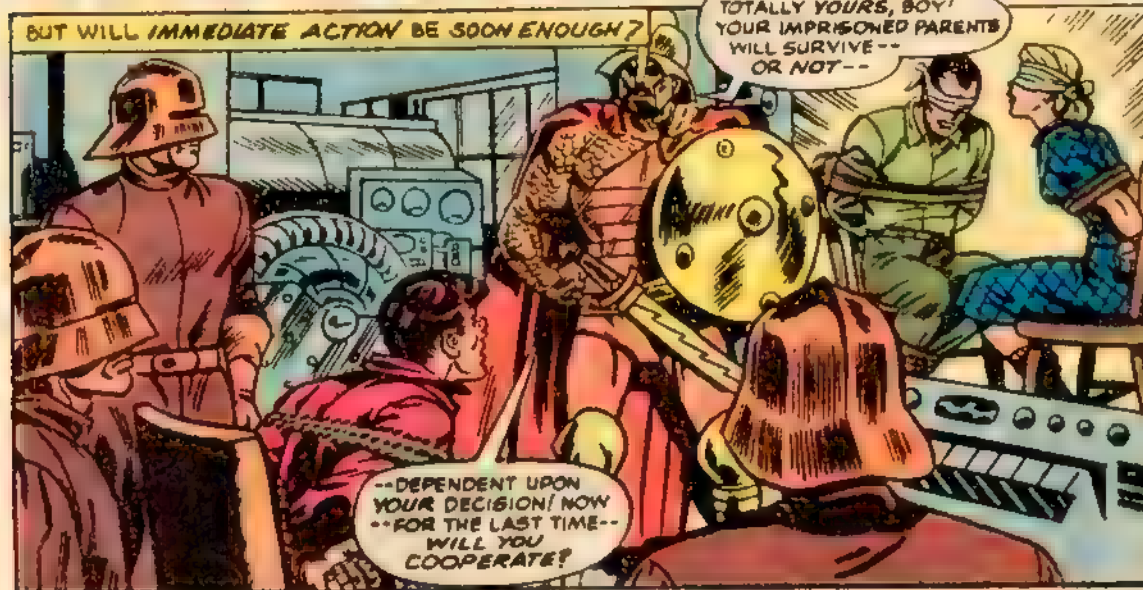


ATTENTION!

IT'S THE PRO-
FESSOR... A MENTAL
MESSAGE!

I HAVE
POSITIVELY
LOCATED THE BOY!
YOU WILL PREPARE
FOR IMMEDIATE
ACTION!

THE OPTION IS
TOTALLY YOURS, BOY!
YOUR IMPRISONED PARENTS
WILL SURVIVE--
OR NOT--



BUT WILL IMMEDIATE ACTION BE SOON ENOUGH?

--DEPENDENT UPON
YOUR DECISION! NOW
--FOR THE LAST TIME--
WILL YOU
COOPERATE?

NOW I WILL **OUTLINE** THE JOB YOU MUST DO! I **KNOW** YOU WILL LEARN IT QUICKLY...

...FOR YOUR DECISION TO JOIN ME **PROVED** YOU WERE A LAD **WISE** BEYOND YOUR YEARS!

ALL IT **PROVED** IS THAT YOU'VE GOT A **HAMMER** HANGING OVER MY **CRANIUM**, MY **FELONIOUS** FRIEND!

THIS IS THE **FIRST TIME** THEY'VE USED **GOVERNMENT** TROOPS TO **GUARD** THIS **LAB**! WHAT'S **UP**, OFFICER?

THEY'VE GOT AN **EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR REACTOR** IN THERE THAT **LOTS OF** FOLKS WOULD **GIVE** THEIR **EYE-TEETH** FOR! BUT THEY'LL **NEVER** GET IN HERE!

NO ORDINARY HUMAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO, **TRUE**! BUT WHAT ABOUT ONE LIKE THIS?

THERE'S NO **DOOR** HERE AND NO **WINDOW** IN THIS WALL **LESS** THAN **TWENTY FEET UP**! SO THEY LEFT IT **UNGUARDED**!

AAAAH! THERE'S THE **SUPER GIZMO**! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS **STEAL** THAT...AND HE **RELEASES** MY **PARENTS**!

THE **CONQUISTADOR** KNEW THIS WAS THE **CLEVEREST** INGRESS... IF YOU FOUND A **BOY** WHO COULD **CLIMB** LIKE AN **AFE**... **NAMELY ME**!

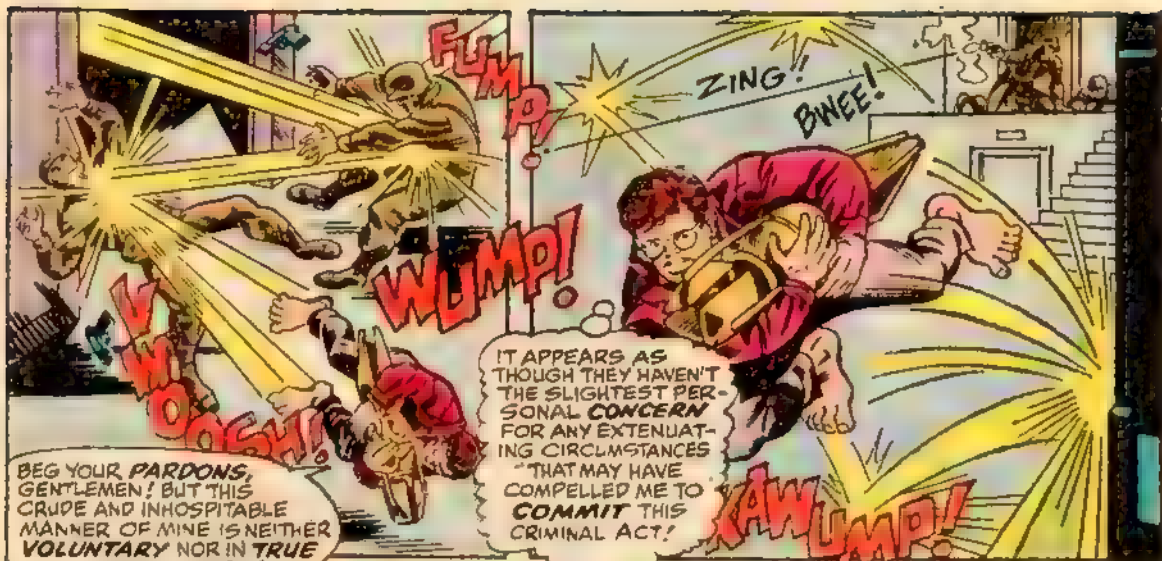
AND THEN THE **CONQUISTADOR** HAS MORE **POWER** THAN **IVAN THE TERRIBLE**! AND I'LL HAVE **GIVEN** IT TO HIM!

CAREFULLY, NOW... DON'T WANT TO **UPSET** ANY **SONIC DETECTORS** OR... **OH-OH!** TOO LATE! THEY HAD A **CIRCLE** OF **INVISIBLE ELECTRIC EYES**!

HALT! PUT THAT **BACK** OR WE'LL OPEN **FIRE--** TO **KILL**!

BUT I'M UNDER **SPECIAL ORDERS**, TOO...TO **SAVE** MY **FOLKS**!

THEY MEAN **BUSINESS**! MUST BE UNDER **SPECIAL ORDERS**!



BEG YOUR PARDONS, GENTLEMEN! BUT THIS CRUDE AND INHOSPITABLE MANNER OF MINE IS NEITHER VOLUNTARY NOR IN TRUE CHARACTER!

IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THEY HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST PERSONAL CONCERN FOR ANY EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES - THAT MAY HAVE COMPELLED ME TO COMMIT THIS CRIMINAL ACT!

ALMOST CLEAR, NOW! JUST ONE GOOD BOUND OVER THAT FENCE AND...

THEY'VE DONE IT...INTERPOSED THEMSELVES BETWEEN ME AND THE FENCE! BUT THEY DIDN'T FIGURE THIS ONE TOO EXPERTLY!

OH-OH! TRUCK OVERTAKING ME! TRYING TO CUT ME OFF!

FAB WOOSH!

D-D-DID YOU SEE THAT, J-J-JOE?

I SAW, TONY! BUT YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET ME TO BELIEVE IT, ANYWAY!

WELL DONE, LAD! WITH THIS SOURCE OF ENDLESS POWER TO FUEL MY ELECTRONIC INVENTIONS, I AM INDOMITABLE!

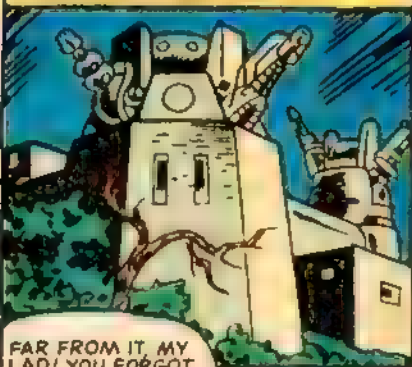
SHUT YOUR MOUTH, BOY! YOUR PARENTS WILL REMAIN WHERE THEY ARE...INDEFINITELY--AS PERMANENT HOSTAGES AGAINST YOUR REBELLIOUS SPIRIT!

COULD YOU COOL YOUR RAPTURIOUS MAUNDERINGS LONG ENOUGH TO RELEASE MY PARENTS... AS MUTUALLY AGREED?

UNTIL YOU ARE NO FURTHER USE TO ME!



AS THE DAWN DEADLINE TICKS CLOSER, GIANT POWER TRANSMITTERS SILENTLY AWAIT THE MOMENT WHEN THEY WILL THREATEN EVERY WORLD CAPITAL WITH DESTRUCTION!



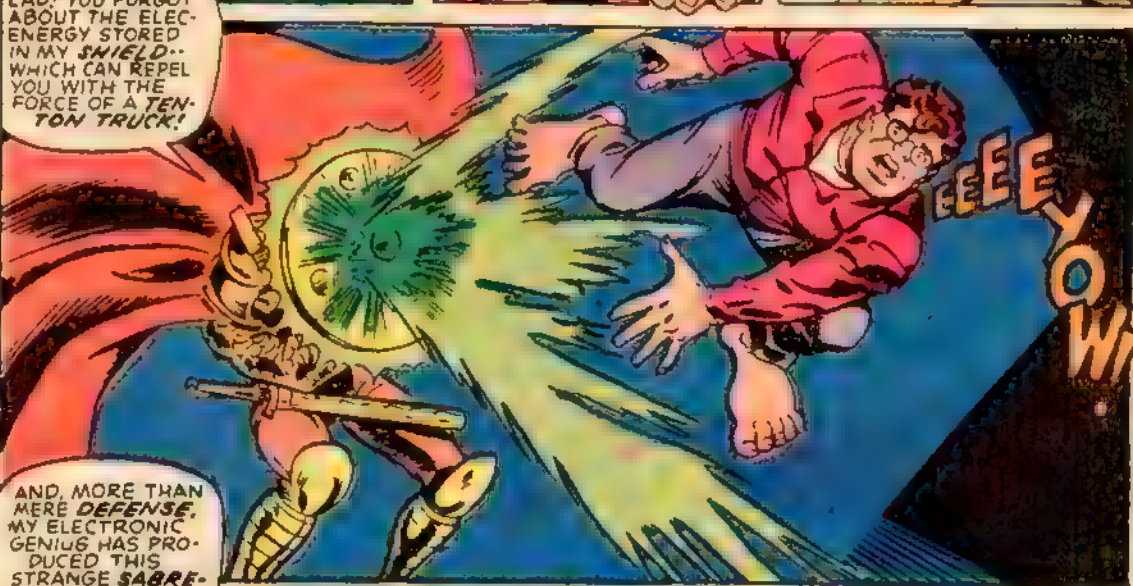
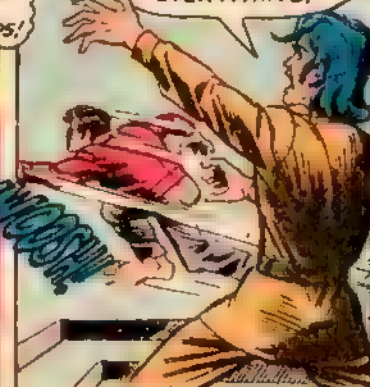
FAR FROM IT, MY LAD! YOU FORGOT ABOUT THE ELECTRIC ENERGY STORED IN MY SHIELD... WHICH CAN REPEL YOU WITH THE FORCE OF A TEN-TON TRUCK!

THEY'RE SO BUSY GLOATING OVER THEIR COMING VICTORY THAT I MIGHT JUST BE ABLE TO SNEAK PAST THEM--

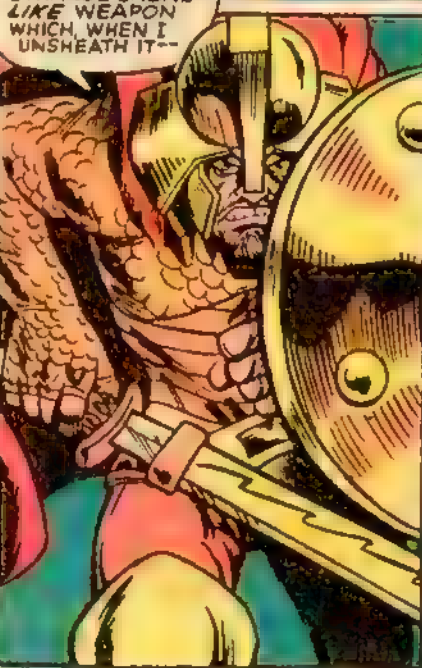


--AND TEAR THOSE TRANS-MITTERS APART WITH MY BIG BARE HANDS!

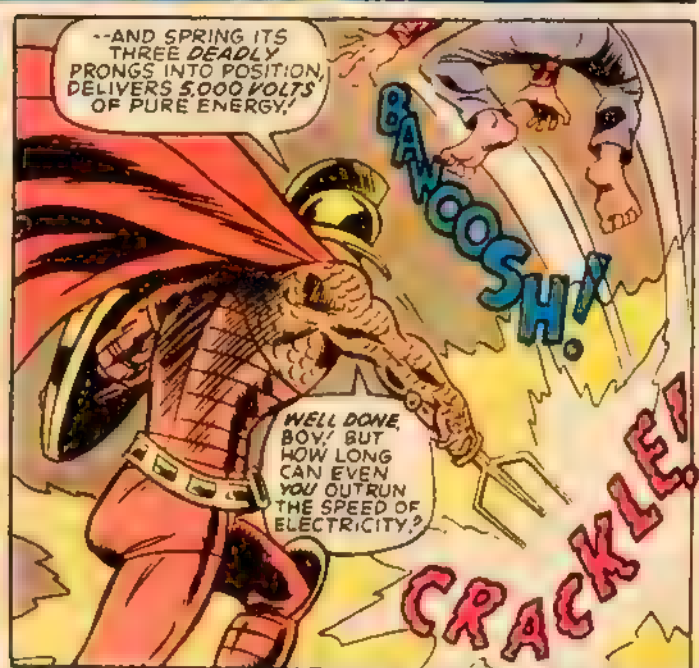
MASTER! LOOK OUT! THE BOY IS ESCAPING! HE WILL RUIN EVERYTHING!



AND, MORE THAN MERE DEFENSE, MY ELECTRONIC GENIUS HAS PRODUCED THIS STRANGE SABRE-LIKE WEAPON WHICH, WHEN I UNSHEATH IT--



--AND SPRING ITS THREE DEADLY PRONGS INTO POSITION, DELIVERS 5,000 VOLTS OF PURE ENERGY!



WELL DONE, BOY! BUT HOW LONG CAN EVEN YOU OUTRUN THE SPEED OF ELECTRICITY?



THERE! YOU SEE--MORE INVADERS
THREATENING OUR GREAT--
CONQUISTADOR! SHOOT THEM DOWN!

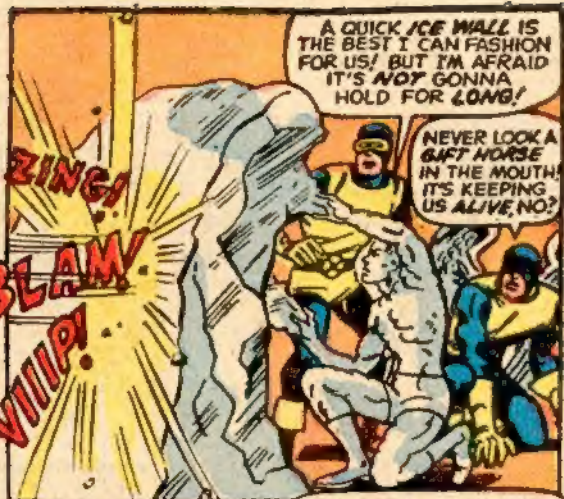


I DON'T KNOW
WHO YOU CHAPS
ARE-- BUT IT IS
PATENTLY CLEAR
THAT YOU'VE COME--



--TO EFFECTUATE
MY RELEASE!
THEREFORE I CAN
BUT JOIN YOU IN
THIS FRENZIED
FRAY!

ZING!
BLAM!
VWIP!



A QUICK ICE WALL IS
THE BEST I CAN FASHION
FOR US! BUT I'M AFRAID
IT'S NOT GONNA
HOLD FOR LONG!

NEVER LOOK A
GIFT HORSE
IN THE MOUTH!
IT'S KEEPING
US ALIVE, NO?

YOU' NEVER USE A SMALL
WORD WHEN A BIG ONE WILL
DO, EH, KID? THAT'S OKAY--
YOUR FISTS ARE EVEN
BIGGER THAN YOUR MOUTH!



AND YOU
HAVE
OBSERVED
NOTHING
UNTIL YOU
HAVE SEEN
MY PEDAL
EXTREMITIES
AT WORK! YOU
MIGHT SAY
THEY'RE THE
KICKER!

FOR A GRAND FINALE,
LADIES AND GENTS,
OBSERVE AS I DROP
A CURTAIN OF ICE
AROUND THIS
COLLECTION OF--

--MOBILIZED MISFITS! HOW'S
THE MARKET PRICE THESE DAYS
FOR FRESH FROZEN FINKS?

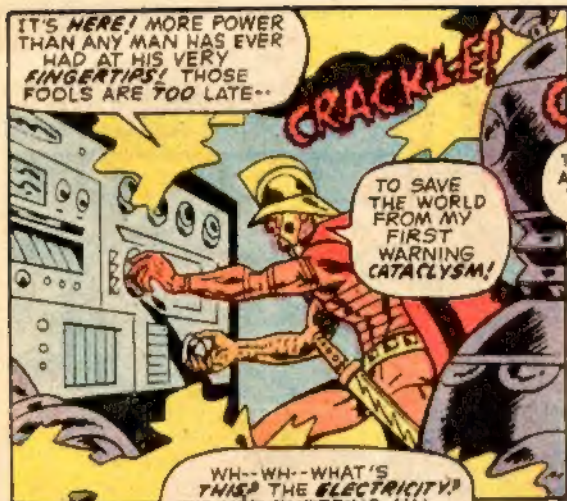
NEATLY WRAPPED UP, ICEMAN!
I DO BELIEVE THIS IS ONE OF
THE FASTEST ASSIGNMENTS
WE'VE EVER HANDLED!

AND HANK MCCOY HAS NEVER BEEN MORE
RIGHT IN HIS YOUNG YEARS! FOR THE SUN IS
RISING--BRINGING INCREDIBLE ENERGY WITH
IT!

YEP! PROBABLY SET A
NEW RECORD IN THE
PROFESSOR'S CASEBOOK!



DO NOT
COUNT YOUR
ROAST
PHEASANT
UNTIL THEY'RE
UNDER GLASS,
GENTLEMEN!
YOU HEAR THAT
WHIRRING
SCREECH?
THAT IS--
TROUBLE!



IT'S HERE! MORE POWER
THAN ANY MAN HAS EVER
HAD AT HIS VERY
FINGERTIPS! THOSE
FOOLS ARE TOO LATE--

TO SAVE
THE WORLD
FROM MY
FIRST
WARNING
CATACLYSM!

WH--WH--WHAT'S
THIS? THE **ELECTRICITY**?
IT'S NOT ENTERING MY
TRANSMITTERS! IT'S
POURING INTO--

M--E--E--E!



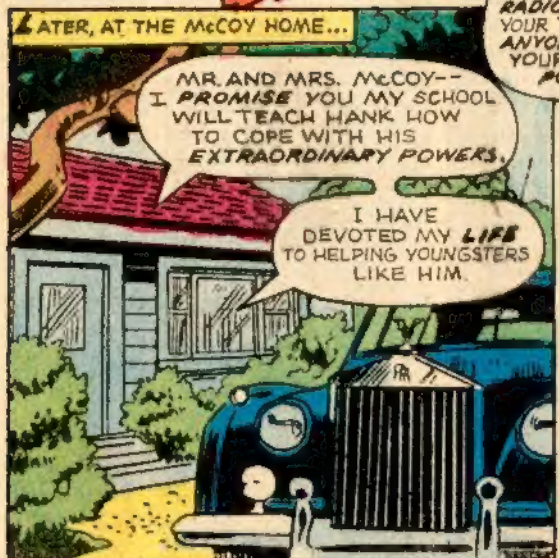
THERE HE GOES--
ABOUT TO PRESS
THE **DOOMSDAY**
BUTTON!

NO! DO NOT
ATTACK HIM!
EVACUATE
THAT
BUILDING--
AT ONCE!



THAT'S MY DOING,
FRIENDS! I USED
MY TELEKINETIC
POWER TO ALTER
HIS CIRCUITS!
WAIT--WHERE'S
THE BOY?

HERE HE COMES,
PROFESSOR! HE
STAYED BEHIND
TO FIND HIS FOLKS--
AND FREE
THEM! SOME
SPUNK!



LATER, AT THE MCCOY HOME...

MR. AND MRS. MCCOY--
I PROMISE YOU MY SCHOOL
WILL TEACH HANK HOW
TO COPE WITH HIS
EXTRAORDINARY POWERS.

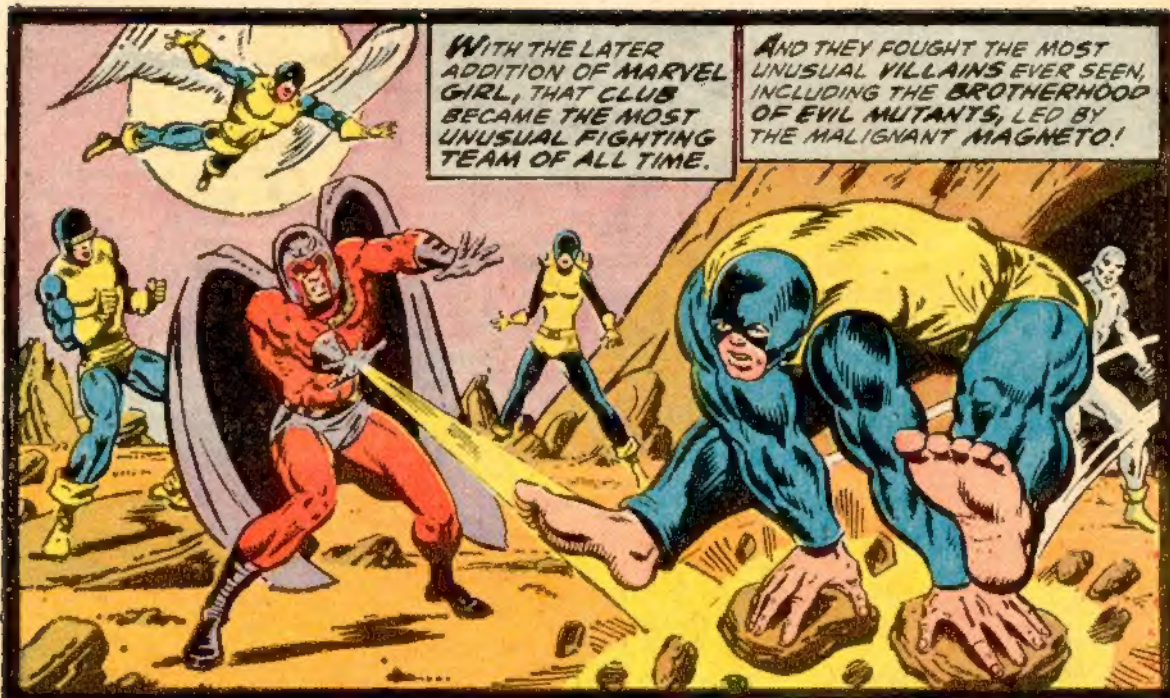
I HAVE
DEVOTED MY LIFE
TO HELPING YOUNGSTERS
LIKE HIM.



THE PROFESSOR
DROPPED A FANTASTIC
RADIO BLANKET OVER
YOUR TOWN THAT ERASED
ANYONE'S MEMORY OF
YOUR AMAZING
POWERS!

SO NONE ARE
ANY LONGER
COGNIZANT OF
THE FACT THAT
THERE WAS ONCE
A BOY CALLED
BEAST! TOO BAD
--I WAS BE-
COMING FOND
OF THAT NAME!

THEN WE
SHALL RETAIN
IT! WELCOME
TO THE CLUB,
BEAST!



WITH THE LATER ADDITION OF MARVEL GIRL, THAT CLUB BECAME THE MOST UNUSUAL FIGHTING TEAM OF ALL TIME.

AND THEY FOUGHT THE MOST UNUSUAL VILLAINS EVER SEEN, INCLUDING THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS, LED BY THE MALIGNANT MAGNETO!



YES, THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS...

BUT THAT BIG-WORDED, PLEASANTLY UGLY BEAST IS NO MORE, BECAUSE I DARED TO TRIFLE WITH UNKNOWN FORCES...



...AND I BECAME A MONSTER!



WELL, THAT'S ALL I HAD TO SAY. I'LL GO NOW...



...BUT I'LL BE BACK --WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT ME.

SO LONG, FOLKS. IT'S BEEN FUN!

THE END